at various places on roadsides, market areas etc. to avoid littering by the general public; and

(vi) Procuring of adequate number of wheelbarrows for the Safai Karamcharis and aprons for them for identification and effective supervision of their work.

C. Disposal of garbage

(i) Compost pits have been made in all the big gardens of New Delhi Municipal Council such as Lodhi Garden, Nehru Park, Talkatora Garden including Central Vista lawns and in all the nurseries of New Delhi Municipal Council;

(ii) Horticulture waste is taken to compost pit situated at old site of Arjun Das Camp, Sarojini Nagar; and

(iii) Rest of the garbage is taken to the sanitary landfill site at Gazipur maintained by the M.C.D.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Cases pending under FCRA

689. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases for registration and prior premissions under the Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act (FCRA) are pending with the department for more than two to three years;

(b) if so, the year-wise total number of such pending applications for the last three years;

(c) the reasons for such huge pending cases in the department;

(d) the normal time taken to clear such applications in the department and what steps are being taken to wipe out the backlog;

(e) whether it is also a fact that large number of cases for revoking the black list of the registered firms are pending with the department for more than 2/3 years; and

(f) if so, by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Associations can receive foreign contribution under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976 either with registration or after obtaining Prior Permission of the Central Government. A very large number of applications are received from the associations seeking registration or prior permission on a day-to-day basis. These cases are scrutinized and processed as per internal guidelines framed for the purpose. Applications not conforming to the guidelines are summarily refused under intimation to the said Association. The remaining applications are referred to field agency(ies) for due verification of the antecedents and activities of the recipient associations and its office bearers. In certain cases, verification of the antecedents of donors is also required to be carried out.

A concerted attempt is made to process each and every case with due expedition. In the ordinary course, applications seeking grant of Registration or Prior Permission, complete in all respects, are disposed of within 4-6 months. However, in cases warranting a more detailed scrutiny or where additional document(s) information is sought from the associations, the process may take longer and may spill over to a period of more than a year. However, efforts are made to dispose of such applications at the earliest.

In order to further rationalize the time taken in processing of applications and to provide better and transparent services, the Ministry has introduced an online facility for the applicants to file their applications for registration/prior permission and to also submit the statutory annual FC-3 returns. Appropriate mechanism for tracking the updated status of individual cases has also been made available on the Ministry's website www.mha.nic.in.

(e) and (f) There is no black list of registered associations. Associations that are registered or which have obtained prior permisssion under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 are required to submit annual returns of receipt and utilization of foreign contribution in the prescribed FC-3 form. On a review of submission of annual return, 8673 registered associations, which did not submit mandatory returns for three consecutive years *i.e.* 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 were placed in the prior permission category *vide* Ministry's Notification dated 26.10.2005. Subsequently, registration of 337 associations, which submitted the proof of submission of returns within the stipulated time *i.e.* 31.12.2006 was restored.

Attack by terrorists on CRPF centre in Rampur

690. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorists had attacked the regional centre of CRPF situated at Rampur;

(b) if so, the details of number of soldiers died and wounded in the said attack;

(c) whether it is also a fact that terrorists had succeeded in looting weapons in the said attack; and

(d) if so, the details and the number of weapons looted from the Rampur Centre of CRPF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) On 01.01.2008 at about 02.30 hours, terrorists attacked the CRPF Group Centre at Rampur (U.P.) with automatic rifles and hand grenades. As a result, 08 persons (07 CRPF personnel and 01 civilian) were killed while 05 persons (03 CRPF personnel, 01 local Policement and 01 Home Guard) were injured. The details of 07 CRPF personnel killed are given below:—

(i) Shri Ramji Sharan, Head Constable.

(ii) Shri Afzal Ahmed, Head Constable.

(iii) Shri Rishikesh Rai, Head Constable.